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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

Re **Finance Docket No. 35171**
Ashbro, Inc. -- Petition for Declaratory Order --
Wilson Spur Track in Denham Springs, Louisiana

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Adell Compounding, Inc. is a plastic compounds manufacturer in Denham Springs, Louisiana that receives rail service from the Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") over the so-called "Wilson Spur". IC delivers plastic pellets to Adell through interstate transportation in covered hopper cars. The pellets are the critical component of Adell's manufacturing process.

These rail shipments comprise approximately 75% of the raw materials received at this facility. Depriving Adell of rail service will have an adverse effect on our intra and interstate customers, as rail is the only method of transporting large quantities of plastic pellets efficiently to Adell's location. The deprivation of the use of the rail line will have a material adverse effect on Adell's ability to compete with its competitors.

Adell's use of the rail line is an additional advantage to its customers, allowing them to better compete in the regional, domestic and world markets. Adell and its predecessors have been conducting operations and receiving rail service from IC at this location for 39+ years, where Adell employs some 45 workers. Access to IC's service is absolutely essential for the continued efficient operation of Adell's Denham Springs, Louisiana facility.

Adell strongly objects to the efforts of Ashbro, Inc. before this Board to oust IC from the Wilson Spur and thus deprive Adell of its existing intra and interstate rail service. Adell joins in IC's arguments that there is no basis or reason for the Board to permit such a disruption of the important interstate commerce carrier service that IC provides to Adell. The

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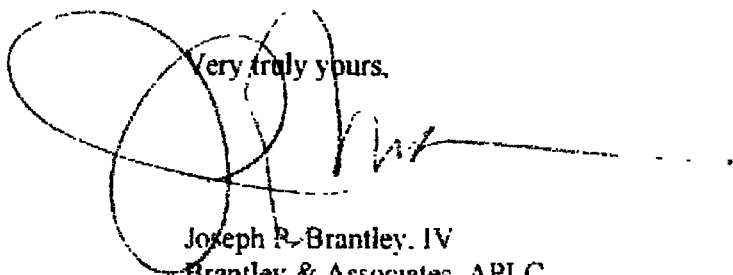
Board should be in the business of protecting and enhancing necessary rail transportation, not eliminating it. Ashbro's requests for relief should be denied.

Ashbro acquired its property interest with full knowledge of the existence of the rail line and spur, and through a deed wherein it acknowledged there was no warranty as to the property's physical condition. (Ashbro's Exhibit "A")

It is respectfully submitted that the grant of any relief as requested by Ashbro would be not only in violation of vested Louisiana legal property rights, but fundamentally unfair to all parties, and constitute a disruption and impediment to interstate commerce

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed for filing purposes, and copies have been served on Ashbro and IC

Very truly yours,



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